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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: 12/13/2013
TYPE OF INCIDENT: HIT & RUN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT – JUVENILE INJURED.
LOCATION OCCURED: N. NORMA ST. AT W. LAS FLORES AVE.
SUSPECTS: **JOHNSON, HEIDI - 52 YEARS-OLD – RIDGECREST RESIDENT**

On 12/13/2013, at about 0740 hours, RPD officers were dispatched to the intersection of N. Norma St. and W. Las Flores Ave. regarding a vehicle versus pedestrian traffic collision. They arrived at the location and discovered the victim was a 7 year-old girl with minor injuries. The driver of the vehicle involved in the collision had fled the scene.

Witnesses were able to describe the suspect and the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle was subsequently located in the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital parking lot. The suspect, Heidi Johnson, was located inside the hospital and was arrested.

Johnson was transported to the Central Receiving Facility (CRF) in Bakersfield. She was booked on charges of felony hit and run and for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Additional charges of driving under the influence are being requested through the District Attorney's Office.

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